



## Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

### September 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

#### *Stewards of the Pedestrian Master Plan*

David Seater, Chair  
Anna Zivarts, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Tippins, Secretary  
Andres Arjona  
Patricia Chapman  
Carol Kachadoorian  
Han-Jung Ko (Koko)  
Bunnie Lee  
Beau Morton  
Chaitanya Sharma  
Emily Meltzer (Get Engaged)

**Board Members Present:** Andres, Emily, Anna, David, Patricia, Carol, Beau, Bunny, Jennifer

**SDOT Staff Present:** Kelly and Belen

**Public Present:** Richard (SAFE Seattle), Doug MacDonald, Mike Forzano (NFB)

**June and July minutes:** Approved.

**Public Comment:** Richard and Doug.

#### **Scooter Share Pilot program presentation by Kelly/Belen**

##### Feedback on goals

- Patricia - Is it safer?
- Anna - yes it is safer to have less goals
- Carol - Goals and Objective instead of Goals
- Emily - need scope defined
- Patricia - E scooters don't reduce carbon emissions

##### Feedback on Scope and Scale

- Andres - struggle to see it working in N Seattle where there aren't sidewalks. Issue with parking? Scope by how far the average person travels.
- Kelly - typical trip length is less than bike and more than walking
- Anna - transit approach
- Carol - should be an area that allows you to determine access goals. It shouldn't be so complex that you can't assess the success.
- Jennifer - agrees with Carol. Figure out what you want to study.
- Beau - agrees with Carol. Only limit on speed? Are there other limits? Should mass be considered? In Oklahoma City, lights aren't great. Need better lights if used in S Seattle.
- Jennifer - How would you test or look at enforcing the rules?

*The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor and all the offices of the city on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning insofar as they relate to the pedestrian safety and access.*

*-City Council Resolution  
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### Where should they ride?

- David - should have the same policy for both bikes and scooters. Scooters should be ok in bike lanes. Riding in streets should be legal.
- Carol - Greenways are good places for scooters. But equity is also being able to use sidewalks for walking.
- Patricia - I have consistently opposed making scooters legal on sidewalks.
- Anna - should be allowed on sidewalks if traveling at pedestrian speed.
- Emily - was scary to ride in LA. Is it safe for sidewalks?
- David - not take away sidewalk options, but provide as much incentive to ride not on the sidewalk. Should be parking off the sidewalk.

### Parking

- Patricia - required to park off the sidewalk is good.
- Carol - agree with that.

### Incentives and Penalties

- Anna - likes incentives. Can we lead other cities on this, and also transfer to driver behavior.
- Carol - Has to be balanced.

### Where should we be most engaged

- David - Parking and sidewalk use
- Patricia - when is end of pilot and start of actual program/evaluation
- Carol - what metrics are being used to evaluate program

### Board business:

Vice Chair nomination: Anna approved.

### Draft letter on signals

- Edits to David.
- Motion to send the edited letter. APPROVED.

### Curriculum

- Please read over and give feedback to Belen
- Blank page 9? - Goals and Plan
- Emily: Minutes were helpful. More tangible things
- Anna - like that goals and plan can be updated by each new group
- Carol - would benefit from explanation/framing
- David - likes page 15, examples of projects and how much they cost

- Andres - how to pronounce acronyms
- Carol - put resources at the beginning like an index?
- Beau - blurb about other agencies
- Belen - will be ready by March for new members. Will check in in Nov
- Recruitment will happen.

#### Ballard Bridge workshop

- Does anyone have feedback?
- Invite to meet Deputy Mayor next Week/ Anna/David

#### Sub-Committee Update

- Do we need to reformat/rethink
- David and Anna will come up with proposal for retreat/discussion

#### Other Discussion

- Patricia - should we make a decision on scooters on sidewalks?
- David - I would propose making it discouraged but not illegal to ride on sidewalks
- Andres - how do we make a decision?
- Further discussion on scooters.